Steps to reduce accidents

544. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking more steps to reduce accidents at unmanned level crossings, derailments, accidents and from fire;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of accidents occurred in each zone during the last two years;

(d) the reasons therefor, accident-wise and zone-wise; and

(e) the action taken in each case, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (b) Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents. These measures include timely replacement of over aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signaling and interlocking systems, safety drives and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices; and social awareness programmes to educate road users.

(c) to (d) There have been 234 consequential train accidents each during the year 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 at various places falling on 16 Zonal Railways and Konkan Railway. The Zonal Railway wise details of accidents and their cause during the last two years are at Statement (*See* Below)

(e) Each and every train accident is inquired into either departmentally or by the Commissioners of Railway Safety depending upon the seriousness of the accident and steps are taken to avoid their recurrence besides taking action, as warranted, against the officials who are found guilty. Based on the findings of the enquiries finalized during the period 2004-05 and 2005-06 for accidents in the past, 413 and 322 Railway officials have been taken up respectively under Discipline and Appeals Rules.

Figures are Provisional

Statement

Railway-wise details of consequential train accidents and their causes for 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Sl. No.	1		2		3	
Causes of the accidents	Accidents on account of Railway staff failure		Accidents on account of Equipment failure		Accidents on Account of factors beyond Railways control such as Negligence of road users, Tampering with track/Sabotage, Incidental causes (cattle run over, Obstruction by tree/boulder, Breaches/Flash floods etc.)	
	Year					
	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06
Central Railway	14	6	2		4	3
Eastern Railway	10	4			4	2
East Central Railway	9	9			9	9
Northern Railway	22	19	2	1	23	23
North Eastern Railway	3	7			12	11
Northeast Frontier Railway	5	11	1		6	3
North Western Railway	11	7			3	9
Southern Railway	1	3	2		5	6
South Central Railway	10	9	1		5	8
South Eastern Railway	1	7			2	4
Western Railway	7	12	1		8	5
Konkan Railway Corporation					2	1
East Coast Railway	8	10	2		4	3
South Western Railway	4	6			3	12
West Central Railway	1	2	2		4	4
North Central Railway	6	4	1		3	1
South East Central Railway	7	10			4	3
TOTAL	119	126	14	1	101	107

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Causes of the accidents	Not Established		Accidents on account of Combination of factors, Railway as well as other than Railway		TOTAL	
	Year					
	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06
Central Railway	1				20	9
Eastern Railway	1				14	6
East Central Railway					18	18
Northern Railway		4	1		47	43
North Eastern Railway					15	18
Northeast Frontier Railway					12	14
North Western Railway					14	16
Southern Railway					8	9
South Central Railway					16	17
South Eastern Railway					3	11
Western Railway					16	17
Konkan Railway Corporation		1			2	1
East Coast Railway					14	13
South Western Railway					7	18
West Central Railway		1			7	6
North Central Railway					10	5
South East Central Railway					11	13
TOTAL	2	6	1		234	234

Figures are provisional.